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Kelly, Susan, David and Jill,

Based on the recent activities and meeting schedules, EPA OSRTI has updated the dates and completed items in the draft work plan. I've attached a 'clean' version of the updated draft (sections with changes are introduced with highlighted text) as well as one with 'redline-strikeout' changes so you can more easily see the changes. My recommendation would be to look at the schedule changes as your time allows, but if you aren't able to do so before submitting your comments on the 3/7/14 version of the draft work plan document this coming Monday we can talk about the schedule during our upcoming meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Greg

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